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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Ehud Gartenberg

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1, 6-11 and 16-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/12/2004.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of the species of Fig. 1 in the reply filed on 5/20/2005 is acknowledged. Claims 2-5, 12-15 are examined, claims 1, 6-11, 16-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 2-5 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Armacost 2404938 that teaches the invention as disclosed and as claimed: an apparatus that performs a method of operating a steam power plant comprising a steam generator 16, a combustion chamber 17 connected to the steam generator, feeding pre-warmed air 20, 35 and fuel into the combustor 17, wherein compressor 30 ("the pneumatic conveyor") is driven via output from turbine 32 driven by the pre-warmed combustion air 20, 35 in steam generator 16. Note that: a) combustion air 17 and feed water 13 are pre-warmed via flue gas 35 flowing from the gas turbine and through combustor 17; b) the combustion air 35 is released in an output-producing manner rotating both generator 34 and compressor 30; c) the combustion air 17 is pre-warmed 20 in the steam generator 16 via the flue gas 35 flowing from the turbine 32; d) that inherently the output extracted from the air by turbine 32 is on the basis of characteristic

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value for the temperature of the combustion air 35, because it is said temperature that determines how much enthalpy and available energy is contained within said air.

Note that the claimed invention could be equally rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as anticipated by Knapp 4414813.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bronicki 6167706.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg whose telephone number is 571 272 4828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Thorpe can be reached on 571 272 4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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